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Barth Reading Challenge Makes Connon a Real "Burger King"

Barth Elementary School principal Harold Connon paid off his challenge to the 387-student body by becoming a "counter-person for a day" at the Burger King on Eureka Road.

Each year, Connon challenges students to read during National Reading Month. Individual classroom teachers set the number of books to be read by each student. Using these figures, Connon then set classroom and building goals. This year, Barth Elementary School was challenged to read 1,500 books during the month.

Four classrooms met or exceeded their goal during the month. Mrs. Johnson's second grade read 150 books, passing their goal of 125 books. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Mientkiewicz each had a classroom goal of 75 books. This goal was easily surpassed, as Mrs. Hall's class read 282 books and Mrs. Mientkiewicz's class read 129 books. Finally, Mrs. Reott's sixth-grade class more than doubled their goal of 100 books by reading 239 books during the month.

Individual student readers were led by Dana Noble of Mrs. Hall's third grade, who read 84 books during the month. She was followed by Lonnie McCollum, also of Mrs. Hall's class, with 73 books. Christina Bouquenoy read 72 books, Crystal Harris read 60 books, and Linsey Hoppe and Ruby Lee each read 50 books during the month. When Connon asked these top readers how they found time to read so many books, Linsey Hoppe replied that she hadn't watched much TV during the month.

All students meeting their personal goal were awarded a Reading Makes Me Happy bookmark and – thanks to Fitzpatrick Restaurants, Inc., owners of the Eureka Road Burger King – a coupon for free french fries. The Fitzpatrick orga-



nization is Barth's newest business partner. Other partners are Courtyard by Marriott, Mr. Bill's Pizza, and McDonald's.

The top reader from each grade will be treated to a limo ride and lunch, courtesy of ACS Limousine Service of Romulus and Burger King.

The top readers for each grade are:

- · kindergarten Benjamin Hohman,
- · first grade Stacey Gilbert,
- second grade Megan Conway and Bradley Hindman,
- third grade Dana Noble and Lonnie McCollum,
- · fourth grade Linsey Hoppe,
- · fifth grade Ruby Lee,
- sixth grade Christina Bouquenoy.

Several students and their families were on hand to put the new counterperson (Connon) through his paces on Thursday. Many orders were switched ("I ordered a milk shake, not a Coke," etc.) during the three hours that Connon waited on his student customers.

Oratorical Contest

The first Baptist Church of Romulus recently held its Religious Oratorical Competition. Three young people participated in the preliminary contest, held in the Church's social hall.

To enter in the tournament, participants had to write an essay, 300 to 600 words (typed), that could be delivered orally in five to seven minutes.

The contestants' topic for this year was the Church's responsibility in today's troubled times – specifically, the responsibility of Christian youth in an irresponsible world.

The students placed a great deal of consideration and understanding

into their speeches, as well as a lot of research, and their hard work was more than evident in their thoughtful presentations. If the youth of today's world would heed the positive ideals that these three young people stand for, the world would be a more positive place to live in.

Winners were: Charles Shreve, junior category, and Jaselyn Underwood, senior category (last year's winner, Tina Williams, was second).

The contest was sponsored by Huron Valley Baptist District of Christian Education, and judged by Romulus City Councilman Randy Gear.

Helmets Help Cyclists Avoid Injury, Death

Young bicyclists can stay safe this spring by keeping their heads up and their helmets on, AAA Michigan reports.

Forty bicyclists were killed and 3,129 injured in Michigan in 1991 (the latest data available). Of these, 50% of those injured and 58% of those killed were 14 or younger.

"Parents should caution their children to wear a safety helmet whenever they ride on their bicycles," said Community Safety Services manager, Jerry Basch. "Statistics show that as many as 75% of the bicycle fatalities that occur each year could be avoided by wearing a helmet."

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, fewer than two percent of all children between the ages of five and 19 wear helmets, but this age group accounts for 65% of the bicycle-related deaths in Michigan. Wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85%, and it's not just "hot-doggers" who face disastrous consequences.

"Even slow-speed falls, under 20 miles per hour, can cause serious injury if the victim strikes his head," said Basch. "A helmet absorbs the shock of a crash and spreads it out. Compared to the cost of a head injury, a bike helmet is inexpensive insurance."

Most helmets are constructed of a plastic outer shell and styrofoam lining, and are equipped with an adjustable chin strap. A quality, protective helmet can be purchased for as little as \$15 or as much as \$100.

Parents can provide a good example (and protect their own heads) by wearing a bike helmet while riding.

In addition, AAA Michigan offers the following safety tips for all bicyclists, young and old.

- Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Walk your bike across busy streets at corners. Don't dart out from a driveway or between parked cars, where many bicycle accidents
- Stop and look all directions before entering the street from a sidewalk or driveway.
- Avoid riding after dark or in inclement weather.
- Yield the right-of-way to cars and pedestrians.
- Ride single-file, one bike length apart.
- Avoid broken pavement, loose gravel, or other objects that could cause loss of steering control.
- Avoid riding in the street. If absolutely necessary, ride single-file on the right side.
- Use hand signals when turning. For example: putting your left hand up indicates a right turn; extending your left hand straight out is a left turn; and turning your left hand down means that you are slowing or stopping.

Romulus Head Start Celebrates "The Month of the Young Child"

In honor of "The Month of the Young Child," Romulus Head Start and the Michigan Department of Preschool Programs has planned "Buddy Week" activities at Beverly School during the week of April 26–29.

The children will be inviting their male buddies to come to school with them to enjoy activities, including artwork projects and decorating T-shirts. An experienced Head Start staff photographer will take portraits of the children and their buddies, and the portraits will be displayed in the building's hallway for a few weeks before being sent home with each child

Invitations have also been extended to both the Mayor of Romulus, Beverly McAnally, and the Superintendent of

Romulus Schools, Dr. William Bedell, to join the children at a special program on Tuesday, April 27.

The staff and students are looking forward to having a full house and lots of fun!

The Romulus Head Start Program and the Michigan Department of Education Preschool Programs are currently recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for the upcoming fall session, which begins September 1993.

These free preschool programs, held at the old Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and handicapped children.

For more information, or to apply for the programs, please call 728-7815.

The Lighter Slice

Based on a True Story Story

By Tom Shamanski

Perhaps you haven't heard yet, but all the TV networks and several independent filmmakers are offering me millions for the rights to my story about how I overcame my most recent addiction – garlic.

The whole sordid mess started innocently enough when I was recently in Hollywood, attending — as usual — a celebrity dinner. The dinner was in celebration of Mr. Ed's hoof prints being immortalized in a carefully proportioned mixture of fertilizer, cement, and glue. (Of course, you know that Mr. Ed is no longer with us, but his hoofs have survived; and a stuffed golden palomino horse was on hoof to accept all accolades on Ed's behalf.)

At the dinner, I was stunned when garlic soup was served. When I asked Goldie and Kurt about it, they giggled that old, familiar Hollywood giggle and told me that, along with juiced fast-foods, garlic was the latest California craze. With slightly slurred speech, Goldie giggled again and added that, if I got too far into garlic, it could be – hee hee – hazardous to my health.

Naturally, I wondered why, so I asked why. Immediately, Goldie and Kurt leaped out of their chairs and, jerking me out of mine, they each delivered a very impressive karate side-kick, one to each side of my head.

Later, as I was being revived by a couple of Beach Boys, I overheard them mumbling something about surfboard airbags, and also about Goldie and Kurt being too far gone on garlic.

So, naturally enough, I was then able to surmise the hazards of garlic use, but, even with a severe headache, I couldn't stop thinking about how wonderfully tasty that darn garlic soup had been. Stubborn me felt confident that I could control myself to a recreational use of the stuff.

To make a long and silly story into one that's short and silly, I soon pro-

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gressed from garlic soup to garlic cream pie, and then – totally guttered – I began taking garlic straight, no chaser. For months, I was in a California fog – a fog that not only made seeing somewhat difficult, but also smelled pretty darn bad, too.

Finally, on one particularly hazy day, my buddy Clint spotted me on the beach as I was trying to get a tan while wearing tights, a leotard, and massive amounts of sun-block. Recognizing my symptoms, he quickly threw me up onto the back seat of his horse and galloped me to Hollywood's Attoses Clinic: a facility for garlic addicts and generally stupid people.

The Clinic's director, Dr. Hal Attoses, worked intensely with me and soon had me back on my feet. Thereafter, in my desire to help others, I would crawl, each day, into the walrus cage at the Hollywood Zoo and preach against the evils of garlic and, while I was at it, politics.

It's this first part — a celebrity like myself speaking out publicly against garlic—that has the TV networks and others chomping at the bit for my story rights. Now, to me, it doesn't seem like any big deal, but word is that the TV people figure that they'll be able to get a lot of mouthwash advertising to air during my "based on a true story" story.

As of now, I think I'll go with NBC. With the recent creativity that they've shown in their news reporting, I feel that they'll probably be able to cleverly shuffle things about and make my tale even more exciting than the flap about Woody and Mia.

In a much more serious, and true, matter: after weeks of reporting on the Woody and Mia court case — with much emphasis put on Woody's alleged sexual abuse of his own seven-year-old daughter — it was finally told that he had been exonerated of all charges pertaining to the child. I know because I heard it reported on the news one evening...for at least 20 seconds.





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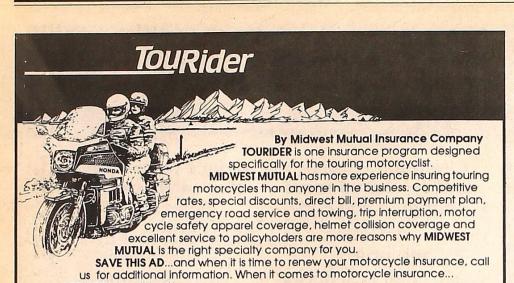
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I'm SO Embarrassed!

By Susan Hurt

Everyone has an embarrassing moment that they've never forgotten. Worse, some of us have experienced embarrassing moments that other people won't let us forget. (Just ask President Bush, Fergie, PeeWee Herman ...)

One woman, who was attending a very expensive company dinner at an exclusive hotel, happened to be seated next to her boss at a table with eight other people. They had been through the usual buffet line and she had started to eat her kielbasa. Unfortunately, the piece she was cutting skidded off her plate, bounced on the table, and landed on the boss's lap. She tried to be cool. Pointing, she announced, "Excuse me, but I believe that sausage belongs to me."

Accepting an invitation to dance is sometimes risky. Although you realize that, with your heels on, you're close to six feet tall, how were you supposed to know that the guy who came to your table (where you were sitting down) was only 5'5"! If he had gone through the dance, he would have been at eye-level with parts of the anatomy better left alone when dancing with strangers.

Have you ever been at a nightclub, talking loudly to the person sitting next to you because the band is drowning you out? Just as the music stops and the audience is dead quiet, you're saying something like, "I think my bra-strap broke. Do you have a safety pin?"

And there's not much worse for a

singer (believe me, I know from experience) than to have the band do an absolutely perfect introduction to a song-the timing is right on, and you hear your cue -but, when you open your mouth to sing, your mind is a complete dead zone. No words are there - not even the wrong ones, so you can fake it - and the band plays on . . . or doesn't.

When I was eight months pregnant and HUGE, we owned a Capri hatchback whose door on the passenger side wouldn't open with the key. It was a freezing winter day, and I had just picked up a dressmaker's model which I loaded into the hatch of the car. I stopped at Kmart to pick up some last-minute Christmas presents. When I waddled out of the store and to my car, I found the door lock on the driver's side was frozen and the key wouldn't work. I knew that the passenger side wouldn't open, so the only way in was through the back hatch. The folks lined up in the parking lot aisle, waiting for my spot, were getting the biggest laugh of their day as I pulled the dressmaker's model out of the car, stood it up in the parking lot, and squeezed my pregnant self into the hatch, up over the seats, and into the driver's seat. Then I had to get out again to load the model back into the car. I could feel how red my face was, but I just smiled and waved to the person waiting for my spot.

There's not much you can do except laugh at yourself. After all, why let everyone else have all the fun?



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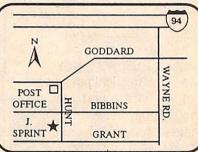
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Romulus Profile: Ray Rohr

By Tom Shamanski

When most of us look at a flower, our eyes show us just that: a flower.

But when Ray Rohr looks at a flower, he visualizes how that flower might appear if its likeness was captured in a photograph.

Part of this visualization process involves picturing the design of the overall flower image. Rohr tries to envisage the best way to depict the flower as a positive space which complements the negative space of the flower's background. Most importantly, he attempts to discern the mood that will be created in the minds of those viewing his completed work.

A Romulus resident for the past 11 years, the 62-year-old Rohr was born in Hawaii, where he remained until he was drafted at the age of 21 by the United States Army. After completing basic training, Rohr was sent to Michigan and stationed in Detroit. It was during his Detroit duty that he met his first wife, and decided to settle in the Downriver area.

In a recent interview, after stating that he enjoys living in Romulus, Rohr added, "Actually, I like all the hustle-and-bustle activity of the Airport . . . but I'm fortunate that I live in an area of Romulus that isn't bothered much by the noise. I realize, though, that the Airport presents a problem for the City.

"Also," he added, "I do like the small-community concept better than that of a big city."

For the interview, Rohr and I met at Wyandotte's River's Edge Gallery (located at 3063 Biddle), where several of Rohr's photographic works are currently on display; the exhibition will continue until the end of this month. A tall, exceptionally cordial man, Rohr kindly reviewed each photo for me, explaining the effect he wished to elicit with each piece, and the circumstances preceding its shooting.

When asked to reflect on his artistic career, the soft-spoken Rohr began, "When I was young, my dad was in the business of selling novelties. One piece of merchandise was a little desk with a wooden coverthat folded out into a drawing board.

"When I was four years old," he continued, "I began using the board to draw with chalk. Later, in my teens, I began working with pastels and pencils. At first, I copied photographs. Naturally, it wasn't creative, but it helped in developing my technique and my draftsmanship."

Rohr then added that, when he was 28 years old, he began expressing his artistic abilities by painting with oils.

"When I was working in oils," Rohr explained, "I finally got to the point where I didn't need a model. I was able to paint things that I created in my mind. At that time, it was primarily landscapes."

In 1974, Rohr's interest in painting began to wane. It was at this juncture that

still having a strong desire to create –
 he purchased his first 35mm camera.

Said Rohr, "Currently, I have two Hasselblad cameras, along with a special camera for flowers. The Hasselblads are made in Switzerland, and I have four German-made lenses for them."

When queried as to what qualities make a good photographic subject, Rohr replied, "First, if I can find it, I look for something unusual. Secondly, it has to be pleasing to the eye, and also be something that, when completed, will create a mood. Finally, it has to be a subject that will work into a good design concept."

Rohr and his wife Gail have traveled extensively throughout the years, searching out often-elusive subject matter, especially landscapes.

"We would say we were going on vacation," smiled Rohr, "but we were actually on photo trips. Mostly, we've gone out West to places like Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon. Gail is also into photography. She helps me especially with colors, as she has a better sense of it that I. If I take a photo and she says, 'Junk it,' I'll do it."

Rohr also mentioned that, on these photographic excursions, he takes both color and black-and-white shots, as well as black-and-white slides. Doing this, he said, gives him a better opportunity to capture the image he's seeking from each subject.

Presently, Rohr wishes to concentrate on portraits of individuals – which are, for him, more personal.

"Also," he said, "I'm getting more and more into still-life photography. For the most part, I'm doing flowers . . . and setting up flowers is much easier than traveling around the Country, looking for good landscape shots."

When asked if two of his finished products, when compared to each other, will appear equal in his eyes, Rohr answered, "Oh, absolutely not. One may have a better subject matter than another, as well as having a better overall quality of print. Also, one may seem drab and the other not; or, one may have better contrast than the other."

In 1954, Rohr attended the formerly Detroit-based Walsh Institute of Accountancy. Four years later, he graduated as a certified public accountant.

A casual consideration would seem to find little relation between the worlds of accounting and art. I asked Rohr to comment.

"Actually, they're very closely related," he explained. "An accountant has to abide by certain rules, and must be disciplined and pay attention to every detail, however insignificant it may seem. With art, the same principles apply – at times, even more so than in accounting.



"For years," he continued, "I've had a mentor, Peter Hills, who has helped me with this type of thing. I met Peter in the mid-'60s while he was a gallery-worker in Detroit. He's a very good artist, and he's getting into photography a little . . . but he remains primarily a painter."

In November 1989, Rohr retired from Bormans, Inc. – the parent company of Farmer Jack – after 24 years of service in the company's accounting department. For 20 of those years, he performed as the business' Corporate Controller.

"After retirement, I was pretty much burned out," said Rohr. "For about a year, I basically sat around and vegetated – but, after that, my interest sparked again, and I began getting back into serious photography."

As far as affiliations with clubs and organizations are concerned, Rohr describes himself as a "nonjoiner," preferring to do things on his own. By reading, he said, he expands his knowledge of topics interesting to him and, consequently, he subscribes to numerous magazines. When reading photographic literature, he discovers what other artists have recently done, and then sets out to validate these particular results.

Rohr and his wife Gail, a superintendent at Ypsilanti's General Motors Powertrain Division, knew each other for seven years before getting married 11 years ago.

Rohr is also the father of three adult daughters.

The eldest, Donna, is a registered nurse. For the past 15 years, she has lived and worked in Dawsonville, Georgia. Donna is married and is the mother of four children.

Daughter Brenda is married and works in the home, tending to her three children. Brenda and her family currently live in Cape Coral, Florida.

Rohr's youngest daughter, Barbara, recently had her first child and, while reorganizing, is presently living with her mother in Florida.

When not occupied with photography, Rohr enjoys exercising, reading, and golfing.

"I used to be a fair golfer, shooting in the low 80s," he said, "but, after a back operation in 1984, I'm happy if I shoot under 100."

Together, the Rohrs enjoy traveling – camera at the ready – and dining out. As Gail works the afternoon shift, Rohr will often tape her favorite shows on any given evening and, when she arrives home, the couple will enjoy watching them together.

In September 1995, Rohr will be the month's featured artist in the Birming-ham/Bloomfield Art Association's annual Showcase Gallery. His work will also be displayed at that same location in January 1996.

Closer to home, in addition to his current showing at the River's Edge, Rohr is part of the Art Ambience exhibit now on display at Taylor's Southland Mall. The annual fine-arts show – which will continue through Saturday, April 24 – is sponsored by the Downriver Arts & Crafts Guild, the Downriver Council for the Arts, the Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, Southland Center, and Wayne County Community College—Downriver Campus.

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"Our Home"

Smoothing the Loan Application Process



By Celia Chesno

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WANTED: LOCAL ENTERTAINERS

The Romulus Arts Council is looking for local entertainers to perform at single-engagement shows to be held this summer at the new Historic Park in downtown Romulus. Interested persons or groups from all musical fields (such as countrywestern, oldies, pop/rock, gospel, etc.) should contact:

Gloria Chandler at 941-2678.

ROMULUS PROFILE: RAY ROHR

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Other Rohrpieces will also be shown in the twenty-third annual photography exhibition at the Scarab Club, directly across from the Detroit Institute of Art.

For more information regarding these shows, or to learn how to purchase a Rohr photograph, call Rohr at 941-6795.

In summing up, I asked Rohr to comment on his highly notable artistic career.

"Since only a small number of photographers can make good money, I'm not constrained by such a desire. Therefore, I'm able to do photography for my own personal satisfaction. Further as an artist, I get a great feeling of accomplishment when I produce something I like. Because of all this, I'm able to shoot what I like. But, of course, if others enjoy my work, that makes me feel even better.

"Like any artist," he added, "I'm striving for the ultimate image ... but, of course, that never materializes. It's that impossible goal that drives me, and presents me with a constant challenge."

After reflecting on our time together, I came to feel that all who live or work in Romulus should be proud that a man such as Rohr has chosen our community in which to make his home.

Perhaps the best way to express our appreciation of this man is to attend one of his exhibitions. Though I'm no art critic, I will say that - after having the pleasure of viewing his work - I thought his photography was brilliant, whether its subject was a single flower or a breathtaking expanse of Wyoming landscape.

Consider going to see one of Ray Rohr's masterful exhibitions - you'll enjoy it very much, I'm sure. □

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By Todd Hauter, certified hypnotherapist (313-941-7084)

Relaxation Techniques

How many times have you started to play your favorite sporting event with tense muscles? Tenseness in muscles works against peak performance. Tenseness wastes energy and causes anxiety. The best performances come when both your mind and your body are floating, enjoying the activity - just as you did when you were a young child, completely absorbed in the experience and totally unaware of any consequences of your actions. In other words, during physical performance, "let it happen"; don't make it hard on yourself by carrying tense

True relaxation is achieved when we become that young child again. Each of us is capable of it, since each of us, during some 24-hour period, experiences complete relaxation by giving in to sleep. But relaxation during exercise doesn't make one sleepy; on the contrary, it causes an exhilaration that is almost beyond description. To achieve this state of relaxation, you need to know more about altered-state workouts.

Altered-state Training

By now, I hope that you're convinced that altered states are nothing out-ofthe-ordinary; rather, they're essential when you want to achieve important mental "workout" conditions: heightened awareness of inner processes, suspension of interest in outside events, increased concentration, and an increase in the strength of any suggestion you offer yourself during mental workouts.

One way to achieve these states has been developed in training work with athletes, and it takes only a few minutes. It involves progressive relaxation, selfhypnosis, and visualization.

Find a private place, lie down or sit in a comfortable chair, and pick out some object that you can fixate on. As you breathe normally, begin to count down (starting at 500) on each breath. Fix your eyes on the object. Soon, your eyelids will begin to feel heavy; resist closing them until you reach 440. Let yourself relax and enjoy the pleasurable feeling that rhythmic breathing can bring you.

When you reach 440, let your eyelids close and stop counting. Remember: You're in control; if you need to, keep on counting until your eyes close.

With your eyes closed, you've blocked out about 95% of all external stimuli, and you are in a state of heightened awareness and concentration, much as elite athletes are during peak

Now, with your eyes closed, practice recalling your favorite swing, stroke, shot, or stride (depending on your sport). Visualize each movement that you make. Be creative; be your best. You're the director of your own production, you're all alone in a safe and relaxing place, and you're in complete control.

When you finish your visualization exercise, relax a few minutes and then

It takes practice to use your mind and develop your mental "form," just as it does to develop and utilize your physical form. The staff at Av-Tech can help you develop this mental form. Research shows that concentrated mental rehearsal is as important as actual practice.

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Parenting "TIPS"

Discipline and the Working Parent

Adapted from "Meeting Job & Family Obligations," Parlay International

Working parents sometimes face special challenges in disciplining their children, especially when they have to leave them in the care of someone who does not manage discipline in the same way that the parents manage it at home. Here are some tips on how to choose a care-giver, and how to tell if your choice was the right one.

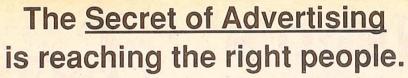
When choosing a care-giver, try to find one whose standards and methods are as close as possible to the ones you use at home. Many nursery schools and day-care centers will give parents a written copy of their discipline policies. You want to make sure that problem behavior will be handled fairly, and will be the same for each child. Visiting the place and watching how staff treat the children is the best way to tell if the policies are followed.

Parents who are looking for child care in someone's home should talk honestly about discipline with the person. You may want to keep looking if the person says that all children need a good spanking once in awhile, or that children can do anything that they want to as long as they don't break the furniture.

Afteryour child has begun child care, watch for any signs of too-strict discipline. Problem signs might include fear of making mistakes or reacting too strongly to common accidents, such as spilling milk. On the other hand, if your child says that he doesn't have to pick up his toys because the baby-sitter doesn't make him do it, tell the child gently, but firmly, that things are done differently at home than at the baby-sitter's house. Also, think about talking to the sitter about your rules at home. See if the sitter might include some of your rules when caring for your child.

At the end of a long work day, it may seem easier to let your child do whatever he/she wants to do, rather than argue or hassle with a stubborn youngster. Or, if you have been away all day, it may seem heartless to send a child to spend time alone in a room. But discipline doesn't work unless it is done the same way each time. Children need to learn that certain actions always lead to the same endings. If you don't discipline consistently, children will test you all the time to see what the limits are. Being consistent helps your child feel more secure and leads to better behavior.

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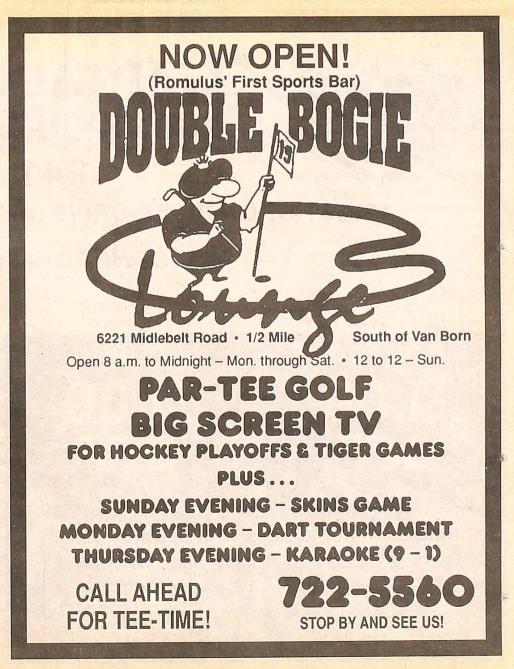


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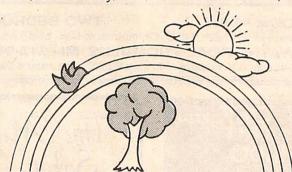
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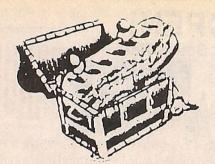
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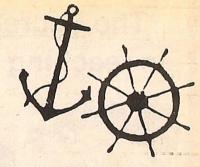
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Port Side

Walleye Running Hot and Heavy

By Captain Ron Dubsky, Ice Breaker II Sport-fishing Charters (313-941-3529)

Think spring and it will happen!

It sure has been a long, hard winter. Now it's time to have the yard work and house chores all done so that we can concentrate on the important part of life:

Walleye are running hot and heavy in the Detroit River. I have received reports of fish in the three- to five-pound class being caught.

If you're not doing anything this weekend, take the family for a ride - maybe to the fishing site at Elizabeth Park in Trenton - and check out the boats as they come in from a day of fishing. In fact, take a lunch with you and make it the first picnic of the year. You will be surprised at the size of the walleye that these fishermen and -women catch.

Lake Erie is still pretty muddy, due to the rains that we have had, but a few fish are being caught in the 10-to-17-foot area just south of Bolles Harbor.

The St. Joe-Benton Harbor Run has been very good this spring. A great number of coho are being caught on small spoons and body baits; lake depth has been 50 to 30 feet and 15 to 10 down on the downriggers. A slow troll works best in this cold water. A few browns and steelhead have also been caught.



The Department of Natural Resources has announced that this year's free fishing weekend (where the State of Michigan allows you to fish without a license for that weekend) will be June 13-14. Be sure to take advantage of these dates and take the whole family out for a great day of fishing. Remember: Belleville Lake is one of the top fishing lakes in the State, and it's right at your back door. Let's use this wonderful resource as often as possible. You can call South Street Tackle in Belleville for upto-date reports.

Nothing to report about the smelt runs yet. By the next issue, we should have some good news.

That's all for now. Don't forget: Take a kid fishing.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Sheila McGinnis, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

News from the Romulus Tower

Happy Birthday - I would like to extend my best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in April: Pauline Bragnerzer, Mary Casto, Clara Drogs, Irene Holliday, Jane Kobylski, Sally Mulka, Helen Skelton, and Stella Wiska.

Welcome - On behalf of everyone at the Romulus Tower, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors: Bernice and Gladene Usher. We hope that they'll enjoy living in our little community.

News from the Romulus Senior Center

Legal Aid - Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years old can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at the Legal Aid clinic to be held at Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, May 5. No appointment is necessary; senior citizens are seen on a firstcome, first-serve basis beginning at 9:30

a.m. (Everyone signed in by 10:30 a.m. will be seen.)

Senior Van Shopping - For a transportation fee of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's Senior Van on Friday, April 23, for a day of shopping at Wonderland Mall, or on Thursday, May 6, for a trip to Southland Mall. Sign up at the Center if you're interested.

"Jiffy Mix" Tour - On Friday, June 18. Romulus seniors will have a chance to take a "Jiffy" tour!

The tour will begin with a slide presentation and a chance to sample some of the Jiffy company's products. When the walking tour through the plant (tour includes some stairs) ends, participants will receive a complimentary Jiffy Mix product and a chance to purchase at factory prices. Following the tour, seniors will lunch at Ann Arbor's Bavarianstyle Old German Restaurant, a student and visitor favorite. The afternoon will conclude with a student-guided tour of the University of Michigan campus.

The \$31 cost of this one-day excursion includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, the Jiffy and University tours, lunch, taxes, and tips.

For more information, contact Marilyn Masters: 942-6852. □

Wedding Bells

Brindamour/Sundberg

Soon to be married are Romulus residents RoyAlexander Brindamour and Sheri Linette Sundberg.

The couple – who became engaged on November 15, 1990 – will exchange wedding vows at the Little Wedding Chapel (Taylor, MI) on Thursday, May 20, 1993.

Standing up with the groom will be KimBrindamour, Robert James, and Bob Dunkin; Sheri's bridesmaids will be Sandra James, Wendy Scott, and Felicia Brindamour.

A reception at Taylor's VFW Hall will follow the ceremony.

A month-long honeymoon – two weeks in Australia and two weeks on a Carribean cruise – is planned.

Roy's parents are Marion and Jean



Brindamour of Dexter, Michigan; Sheri is the daughter of Albert Sundberg of Pontiac, Michigan.

Obituary

Ruth Roland Pennington

Ruth Roland Pennington of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, April 16, 1993. She was 71 years old.

Ruth – who was born in Ligon, Kentucky, on December 18, 1921 – was married in her hometown to Elza H. Pennington on March 20, 1937.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Larry G. Pennington (Romulus, MI), Leslie R. Pennington (Oxford, KY), and Robert J. Mitchell (Kentucky Lake, KY); one daughter, Celeste Elliott (Jasper, AL); two brothers, Chandos

(Belleville, MI) and Clarence Mitchell (Williamson, WV); four sisters, Ella Mae Cundiff (Louisville, KY), Noralene Belcher (Jacks Creek, KY), Donna Hanlain (Ft. Wayne, IN), and Edith Vivian Walley (Livonia, MI); 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 19, at Bethany Bible Church, with Reverend John Losen officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □

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Mature lady will do nurse aide work (experienced), light housekeeping, or house-sitting. I am also an experienced tutor in reading and

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Call 459-0721

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WANTED TO BUY

and on weekends.

Old costume jewelry. Call 942-1015

ORGANIZATIONS

ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER ASSOC.

For membership and meeting information, Please Call 464-8233.

ROMULUS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Welcomes New Members. Join Now! Lots of Activities. Try It - You'll Like It! 36515 Bibbins 942-6852

AA MEETINGS

Every Monday at 8:00 p.m. in Classroom A (basement) Annapolis Hospital Westland Center 2345 Merriman, Westland Never-too-young meetings are held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. (same location). For more information,

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Call 467-2300

Join the "At Work" program right here, right now! Open meetings! Anyone welcome! Sign up now! Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., Romulus City Hall Community Room. Eight weeks for \$80 (paid in advance). Call 942-7520 for more information.

APPLIANCE SERVICE

M.D. APPLIANCE SERVICE

\$7.00 Service Call 374-1717 or 782-3354

Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Stoves & Dishwashers CHILD CARE

Mother of 8-year-old will baby-sit six days a week. Wick School area. References available. Call for more information.

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BABY-SIT YOUR HOME

22-year-old college student will baby-sit in your home. Flexible hours, references available upon request, rate negotiable. Call Rebecca. 955-7184

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Mother of 2-year-old offers excellent nutritional meals & structured activities. Merriman & Ecorse Rd. area. Call 722-1857 days.

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I have openings for 6-yearold children during summer break. Very flexible hours. All meals and snacks provided. \$2.00 per hour. Sign up now! Call 941-2396

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Baby-sitterneeded 3-7 p.m. Call 942-9072 before 3 p.m.

ANIMALS

STUD SERVICE

1-year-old black toy poodle available for stud service. Call 941-7879

FOR SALE

2 female, Shepherd/Husky mix dogs. One 9-mo.-old and one 3-yr.-old.Both good with children

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FOR SALE

9-mo,-old male Keeshound for sale to a good home. Has had all his shots. Reduced price. Call Elaine at:

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ANIMALS

FOR SALE Tiny Toy Poodle pups, AKC registered, white males, tails clipped and dewclawed.

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\$300.00

LOST / FOUND

FOUND

Black female cat found on April 7, 1993 on Barth Road. If not claimed, FREE to good home!

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BY OWNER

Just reduced! Rambling ranch on five acres. Lots of extras - \$179,000. Call 753-4750

MISC. FOR SALE

FOR SALE

Nice gas kitchen range -\$100.

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FOR SALE

Ford flail mower, heavy duty, 74" cutting width - \$475. Call 753-9215

FOR SALE

10 gallons of tar in steel drum -\$5.00

Call 753-9215

FOR SALE

Queen-size waterbed with drawers, new mattress, heater, and liner – \$150. Call **753-3378**

FOR SALE

Minolta X-700, program-mable, 50mm 1.7 lens, 280PX auto flash, case, and original boxes - \$225.

Call 941-9567 MOVING SALE

Pecan dining room table with leaf and 6 chairs, china hutch, older Admiral refrigerator/ freezer - \$140.00 for all. Call 942-2742

FOR SALE

Blair portable frame & auto body puller with 10 ton hydraulic jack & foot pedal -\$450; floor suction pod with vertical upright for pulling -\$175.00

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FOR SALE

BOATS / MOTORS

17' fishing boat. Enclosed cabin, 60 hp outboard, trailer, cover, sounder, radio. Per-fect for Lake Erie. Great Value! \$1,500.00

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FOR SALE

1989 Bayliner boat, 19'cuddy capri, 125 hp I/O, OMC outdrive, excellent condition, clean - \$8,000.00 Call 942-9394

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FOR SALE

1993 Jayco 22' travel trailer, fully contained, sleeps 7 -

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1990 DODGE SHADOW

Automatic, 2-door, a/c, tilt, tinted windows, driver's-side airbag, am/fm cassette, rear defrost, red with grey interior, good condition. MUST SELL. \$4,000.00 o/b/o.

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1989 Ford Ranger hood and left fender - \$40; 1989 Mustang left fender - \$25; Four wire hubcaps - \$30; Set of 225x15 tires - \$135 (plus miscellaneous sizes) Call 753-4750

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NOTICE

SOUP KETTLE **SERVES COMMUNITY**

From September to June on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., at the Beverly Road site in Romulus, Wayne Metropolitan Community Service Agency's Region III Soup Kettle provides delicious, nutritious meals to all comers. The Regional Advisory Council (RAC) started the allvolunteer program in 1982. Three major holidays are celebrated with a special meal: Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Much of the food comes from private donations. Forfurther information, or to donate, please call:

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